

In the Claims

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

1. – 4. (Cancelled)

5.(Previously Presented) A fabric comprising:

a substrate layer;

an adhesive layer disposed on one surface of the substrate layer; and

at least one layer of pile attached to and extending from the adhesive layer,

the pile layer having an embossed pattern thereon, the embossed pattern including a plurality of visually discernable regions having generally elongate shapes with longitudinal axes of the shapes being oriented substantially along a first direction,

the pile layer further having a printed pattern superimposed upon the embossed pattern, the printed pattern including a plurality of visible features having generally elongate shapes with longitudinal axes of the shapes being oriented substantially along the first direction, wherein

at least some of the visible features of the printed pattern include portions thereof not contained within the visually discernible regions of the embossed pattern,

wherein the fabric is a camouflage fabric,

wherein the printed pattern is characterized by a scene or illustration, and wherein the embossed pattern imparts a three-dimensional texture to the scene or illustration, the texture imparting a visual effect to the scene or illustration which renders it more realistic than the scene or illustration without the superimposed embossed pattern,

wherein the scene or illustration represents a sylvan setting, and

wherein the scene or illustration comprises at least one visible feature comprising a tree or portion thereof, a branch or portion thereof, a bush or portion thereof, a leaf or portion thereof, a flower or portion thereof, a berry, grass, a rock or portion thereof, and/or moss.

6. (Previously Presented) The fabric as in claim 5, wherein the embossed pattern simulates bark.

7. (Previously Presented) The fabric as in claim 5, wherein the visually discernable regions of the embossed pattern comprise depressions in a surface of the pile layer.

8. (Original) The fabric as in claim 7, wherein the embossed pattern is formed by air embossing the pile layer.

9. (Previously Presented) The fabric as in claim 5, wherein the visually discernable regions of the embossed pattern and the visible features of the printed pattern are essentially randomly positioned with respect to each other.

10. (Previously Presented) The fabric as in claim 5, wherein the plurality of visually discernable regions of the embossed pattern are substantially non-uniform in length and width.

11. (Previously Presented) The fabric as in claim 5, wherein the printed pattern is formed by a heat transfer printing process.

12. (Original) The fabric as in claim 7, wherein a color and shading of the portions of the printed pattern superimposed on the depressions visually differs from a color and shading of essentially equivalent portions of the printed pattern that are not superimposed on the depressions, thus yielding an enhanced visual representation of color and texture of the scene or illustration.

13. – 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A fabric comprising:

a substrate layer;

an adhesive layer disposed on one surface of the substrate layer; and

at least one layer of pile attached to and extending from the adhesive layer,

the pile layer having superimposed thereupon an embossed pattern and a printed pattern, the printed pattern characterized by a scene or illustration, wherein the embossed pattern imparts a three-dimensional texture to the scene or illustration, the texture imparting a visual effect to the

scene or illustration which renders it more realistic than the scene or illustration without the superimposed embossed pattern,

wherein the fabric is a camouflage fabric,

wherein the embossed pattern includes a plurality of visually discernable regions having generally elongate shapes with longitudinal axes of the shapes being oriented substantially along a first direction,

wherein the printed pattern includes a plurality of visible features having generally elongate shapes with longitudinal axes of the shapes being oriented substantially along the first direction,

wherein the scene or illustration represents a sylvan setting, and

wherein the scene or illustration comprises at least one visible feature comprising a tree or portion thereof, a branch or portion thereof, a bush or portion thereof, a leaf or portion thereof, a flower or portion thereof, a berry, grass, a rock or portion thereof, and/or moss.

19. (Previously Presented) The fabric as in claim 18, wherein the embossed pattern simulates bark.

20. (Previously Presented) The fabric as in claim 18, wherein the visually discernable regions of the embossed pattern comprise depressions in a surface of the pile layer.

21. (Previously Presented) The fabric as in claim 18 wherein the embossed pattern is formed by air embossing the pile layer.

22. (Previously Presented) The fabric as in claim 18, wherein the visually discernable regions of the embossed pattern and the visible features of the printed pattern are essentially randomly positioned with respect to each other.

23. (Previously Presented) The fabric as in claim 18, wherein the plurality of visually discernable regions of the embossed pattern are substantially non-uniform in length and width.

24. (Previously Presented) The fabric as in claim 18, wherein the printed pattern is formed by a heat transfer printing process.

25. (Original) The fabric as in claim 20, wherein a color and shading of the portions of the printed pattern superimposed on the depressions visually differs from a color and shading of essentially equivalent portions of the printed pattern that are not superimposed on the depressions, thus yielding an enhanced visual representation of color and texture of the scene or illustration.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The fabric as in claim 26,~~ A fabric comprising:
a layer of air-textured pile having printed thereon an illustration of a sylvan setting
dominated by visible features comprising trees or portions thereof, branches or portions thereof,
bushes or portions thereof, leaves or portions thereof, flowers or portions thereof, berries, grass,
rocks or portions thereof, and/or moss,
wherein the fabric is a camouflage fabric,
wherein the texturing comprises a random overlay on the illustration of depressions that
are non-uniform in length and width, and
wherein the texturing simulates bark.

28. – 46. (Cancelled)

47. (Original) A camouflage fabric produced by a method comprising:
air embossing a pile fabric to form an air embossed pattern thereon, the air embossed pattern including a plurality of visually discernable regions having generally elongate shapes with longitudinal axes of the shapes being oriented substantially along a first direction; and
printing the fabric with a printed pattern, the printed pattern depicting an illustration of a sylvan setting that includes a plurality of visible features having generally elongate shapes with longitudinal axes of the shapes being oriented substantially along the first direction.

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48. (Canceled)

49-52. (Canceled)

53. - 57. (Canceled)